

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> Application of:	§	Confirmation No.: 3534
Ian Alexander Shiels and David Fairlie	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 1654
Serial No. 10/531,560	§	
	§	Examiner: BRADLEY, Christina M.
Filed: January 27, 2006	§	
	§	Attorney/Docket No.: 36672.6
For: TREATMENT OF OSTEOARTHRITIS	§	

**1. RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION DATED DECEMBER 11, 2008; AND
2. REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Madame:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and consider the response to the pending Final Official Action ("the Action") dated December 11, 2008, for which the shortened statutory period for reply ended on March 11, 2009. A Petition for an Extension of Time (EOT) of Three Months (to and including June 11, 2009, which is within the six-month statutory period for reply), with provision for the required fee, is included herewith to render the response and RCE timely submitted.

Applicants believe that the present materials place the claims in condition for allowance, and re-examination and reconsideration is respectfully requested on this basis. Should any additional fees be required for any reason, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394, Order No. 36672.6.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Response/Remarks begin on page 29 of this paper.

Appendix A, containing the **Declaration of Richard O. Day** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132,
with **Exhibits A-C**, is attached hereto.